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1. Jellenitz is in the Melnik area. The military camp is east of Jellenitz in the forest, near a stone quarry. There are several permanent barracks, and in summer tents are set up as needed. The training grounds and target range occupy a considerable area between the camp and the Liblice Military School.
2. The camp is under the authority of the infantry regiment at Melnik, which supplies the cadre personnel. The camp commandant is Captain Friedrich Hajek, about 41 years old. The deputy commandant is Lieutenant Bohumil Gernik, about 30 years old. The camp has accommodations for 500 to 550 men. The units stationed here wear red epauletts and facings like those of the Czechoslovakian Army.
3. An infantry retraining battalion is stationed at the camp. It is not a battalion of the Czechoslovakian Army, but a separate retraining unit, formed provisionally. It is organized as follows:

Camp command and staff, 55 men  
1st Retraining Company, 85 to 90 men  
2nd Retraining Company, 80 to 85 men  
3rd Retraining Company, 80 to 85 men  
4th Heavy Weapons Company, 110 to 115 men

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4. The retraining course lasts two months. It begins with basic infantry exercises. Long practice marches are combined with target practice. There is severe combat training and continuous political schooling. In these circumstances it is scarcely surprising that the morale of the reservists is very poor. Several hundred reserves of the 1926, 1927 and 1928 classes were given refresher training here in 1953.
5. The companies are organized and armed like regular army rifle companies. In each company there are 9 light machine guns, 70 infantry rifles, 12 machine pistols. The heavy weapons company has two 76.2 mm field guns, two antitank guns, four 50 mm mortars, two 82 mm mortars, three heavy machine guns, several antitank rockets.

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